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29 November 1989

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Chief, DCI History Staff

VIA: Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Bound Copies of Darling History for Chairmen
of House and Senate Intelligence Committees

1. This is to request that you approve and sign the two attached letters to Senator Boren and Representative Beilenson, sending each of them a set of the attached bound copies (identical to those you recently presented to President Bush) of the declassified two-volume history, The Central Intelligence Agency: An Instrument of Government, to 1950, by Dr. Arthur B. Darling.

2. Unless you choose personally to present these volumes to Senator Boren and Representative Beilenson, I would suggest that your letters and the volumes be forwarded to the Director of Congressional Affairs for prompt transmittal.

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J. Kenneth McDonald

Attachments

Central Intelligence Agency



Washington, D.C. 20505

8 December 1989

The Honorable Anthony C. Beilenson
Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have enclosed a copy of the declassified edition of The Central Intelligence Agency: An Instrument of Government, to 1950, by CIA's first Chief Historian, Dr. Arthur B. Darling. This 1000-page history, which Dr. Darling wrote at the Central Intelligence Agency while on leave from Phillips Academy in 1951-1953, is the first CIA document to be declassified and transferred to the National Archives for release to the public under the Agency's Historical Review Program, a program that resulted from the passage by Congress of the CIA Information Act of 1984.

I am sending you a copy of this history, in the hope that you will find it of interest, both as an Andover graduate and as the chairman of one of the two congressional intelligence committees at whose request CIA's Historical Review Program was established.

We are pleased that Dr. Darling's scholarly history of CIA's origins and early days is now open to the public, as the first result of the Historical Review Program's effort to provide the American people with a more accurate record and fuller understanding of CIA's role in our nation's history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bill", written in dark ink.

William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence

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